

**Senate File 250 - Introduced**

SENATE FILE 250  
BY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN  
RESOURCES

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 77)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act establishing a notification requirement for mammogram  
2 reports to patients.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1     Sec. 2. Section 136C.3, subsection 10, Code 2017, is amended  
2 to read as follows:

3     10. a. Adopt rules specifying the minimum training and  
4 performance standards for an individual using a radiation  
5 machine for mammography, and other rules necessary to  
6 implement [section 136C.15](#). The rules shall complement federal  
7 requirements applicable to similar radiation machinery and  
8 shall not be less stringent than those federal requirements.

9     b. (1) Adopt rules to require that, by January 1, 2018,  
10 a facility at which mammography services are performed shall  
11 include information on breast density in mammogram reports sent  
12 to patients pursuant to regulations implementing the federal  
13 Mammography Quality Standards Act of 1992, Pub. L. No. 102-539,  
14 as amended. If a patient is categorized by an interpreting  
15 physician at the facility as having heterogeneously dense  
16 breasts or extremely dense breasts based on standards as  
17 defined in nationally recognized guidelines or systems for  
18 breast imaging reporting of mammography screening, including  
19 the breast imaging reporting and data system of the American  
20 college of radiology, the report to the patient shall include  
21 notice that the patient has dense breast tissue, that this may  
22 make it more difficult to detect cancer on a mammogram, and  
23 that it may increase the patient's risk of breast cancer. The  
24 notice may contain the following language:

25     "State law requires the following notification:  
26     Your mammogram indicates that you have dense breast tissue.  
27 Dense breast tissue may make it more difficult to evaluate the  
28 results of your mammogram and may also be associated with an  
29 increased risk of breast cancer. You are encouraged to consult  
30 with your primary health care provider regarding the results of  
31 your mammogram. Together you can best decide which additional  
32 screening options may be right for you based on your mammogram  
33 results, individual risk factors, or physical examination."

34     (2) Nothing in this paragraph "b" shall be construed to  
35 modify the existing liability of a facility where mammography

1 services are performed beyond the duty to provide the  
2 information set forth in this paragraph "b".

3 (3) Nothing in this paragraph "b" shall be deemed to require  
4 a notice or the provision of information that is inconsistent  
5 with the provisions of the federal Mammography Quality  
6 Standards Act of 1992, Pub. L. No. 102-539, as amended, or any  
7 regulations promulgated pursuant to that Act.

8 EXPLANATION

9 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
10 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

11 This bill establishes a notification requirement for  
12 mammogram reports to patients. The bill directs the department  
13 of public health to adopt rules that require a facility  
14 performing mammography services to include information on  
15 breast density in reports sent to patients pursuant to federal  
16 law and rules. If a patient is categorized by an interpreting  
17 physician at the facility as having heterogeneously dense  
18 breasts or extremely dense breasts based on national standards  
19 the report to the patient must include notice that the patient  
20 has dense breast tissue, that this may make it more difficult  
21 to detect cancer on a mammogram, and that it may increase the  
22 patient's risk of breast cancer. The bill provides language  
23 that such notice may contain.

24 The bill's provisions are not to be construed to modify  
25 the existing liability of a facility performing mammography  
26 services beyond the duty to provide the breast density  
27 information.

28 Facilities providing mammography services must comply with  
29 the bill's requirements by January 1, 2018.